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SUMMARY: WE PROVIDE FOR YOUR INFORMATION AN UNOFFICIAL
TRANSLATION OF A LETTER SENT BY THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR (TINE)
TO SYG LUNS CONCERNING THE SECDEF BROWN'S INTERVENTION AT
THE MAY DPC MINISTERIAL ON SUBJECT ABOVE. SINCE THE FRENCH
INTEND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STUDY OF THE SECDEF PROPOSAL
IN THE TRI-SERVICE GROUP ON COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS
EQUIPMENT (TSGCEE), NO ACTION IS REQUIRED. END SUMMARY.

1. THERE FOLLOWS THE TEXT OF AN UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF
A LETTER SENT BY THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR (TINE) TO SYG LUNS,
SUBJECT ABOVE. NO WASHINGTON ACTION REQUIRED. (PAREN-
THETICAL ADDITIONS AND MISSION COMMENTS ARE ADDED FOR YOUR
CONVENIENCE.)

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2. BEGIN TEXT - UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION:

BRUSSELS, 15 JULY 1977
MR. SECRETARY GENERAL,
- IN REFERENCE TO THE 11 JULY 1977 LETTER WHICH THE
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES ADDRESSED TO

YOU AND DISTRIBUTED TO THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES ON THE SUBJECT OF INTEROPERABILITY OF TACTICAL AREA COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, I MUST MAKE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS.

- THIS DELEGATION WAS APPRISED OF THE AMERICAN REQUEST IN THE MEMORANDUM ADDRESSED TO THE NADREPS ON 23 JUNE 1977 AND SIGNED BY MR EDWIN B GENTRY. DR LABERGE AND THE US NADREP HAD INFORMED THE NADREPS AT THEIR 7 JUNE MEETING THAT SUCH A MEMORANDUM WOULD BE FORTHCOMING. (FYI: THE 23 JUN MEMORANDUM CONTAINED WASHINGTON GUIDANCE PROVIDED BY REF A. END FYI.)

- THIS DOCUMENT WAS EXAMINED AND DISCUSSED DURING THE OFFICIAL MEETING ORGANIZED BY THE US REPRESENTATIVE TO THE TRI-SERVICE GROUP ON COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS EQUIPMENT (TSGCEE) ON 29 JUNE. I WOULD POINT OUT THAT AT THIS MEETING, TO WHICH REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL COUNTRIES TO THIS NEW GROUP (THE TSGCEE) HAD NOT BEEN INVITED, CERTAIN REPRESENTATIVES, INCLUDING OURS, INDICATED THEIR RESERVATIONS AND OBJECTIONS (TO THE US PROPOSAL) AND EXPRESSED THEIR OPINION THAT THE DOCUMENT LACKED DETAILS. (FYI: WE PROVIDED OUR REPORT OF THE 29 JUNE MULTILATERAL MEETING BY REF B. END FYI.)

- WHEN THE CHAIRMAN OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON EQUIPMENT INTEROPERABILITY SUGGESTED AT ITS 6 JULY 1977 MEETING THAT

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THE US PROPOSAL WOULD BE STUDIED, OUR REPRESENTATIVE INDICATED HIS SURPRISE SINCE THIS QUESTIONED THE REPORT OF WG1 TO THE AD HOC COMMITTEE, WHICH WAS APPROVED BY THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN DECEMBER 1976. HE THEREFORE MADE A RESERVATION IN PRINCIPLE BUT DID NOT OPPOSE THE EXAMINATION OF THE NEW AMERICAN PROPOSAL BY THE NADREPS AND ITS TSGCEE.

- MY AMERICAN COLLEAGUE, UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS AUTHORITIES, HAS REQUESTED YOU TO HAVE THE DPC AGREE WITH THE CNAD TO HAVE THE AMERICAN INITIATIVE SUBMITTED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY TO THE TSGCEE (FOR STUDY).

- MY AUTHORITIES, WHOSE RESERVATIONS ARE INDICATED ABOVE, CONSIDER THAT A SUBJECT WHICH IS OF CONCERN TO THE FIFTEEN MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE, AND ESPECIALLY TO FRANCE, CANNOT BE TREATED UNDER THE AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURES OF THE DPC. YOU WILL CERTAINLY CONCLUDE AS I DO, THEREFORE, THAT IT IS A MATTER WHICH FALLS UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE COUNCIL, OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON INTEROPERABILITY, AND OF THE CNAD AND ITS SUBORDINATE ORGANIZATIONS.

- I AM FORWARDING A COPY OF THIS LETTER TO ALL THE PERMA-

NENT REPRESENTATIVES. COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE, SIGNED J. TINE.
END TEXT - UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION. PEREZ

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